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Dear Mr. Tellier & members of the MRAC:

Thank you for your gift of $50.00 to the 2004 Annual Campaign. Your continued financial support of the people who we serve is greatly appreciated.

Your support helps thousands of people who are blind or visually impaired access the programs and services that the Badger Association offers. Our rehabilitation students like Jeff, Dorothy, and Rosemary will all benefit from your gift, and we will continue to reach into the community to ensure that all people with vision loss will be able to maintain their independence as well.

Thank you again for your generous support of the Badger Association's 2004 Annual Campaign.

Sincerely,

Charles Sweet
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February 18, 2005

Hi Dave,

Thank you for volunteering to be a VE with the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club VEC and welcome. MRAC VEC is designated as VEC A for FCC reporting purposes, and it is probably the smallest of the 14 VEC's. Despite its size, I think that you will find it to be a friendly and business-like organization. We have a small instructional manual for you to read, and there is a short open book test to help with your understanding. I'll try to remember to bring the manual to your first session. You will find our procedures similar to those used by other testing teams in the area.

As a general rule, MRAC VEC A holds VE testing on the last Saturday of each month except for the months of March, June, August, and December. The exam location for these dates is Amateur Electronic Supply. The VE team gathers at 9AM for setup with testing of candidates starting at 9:30. The session is over at approximately Noon. In addition to the above mentioned dates, MRAC VEC A holds testing on an early Saturday in January in conjunction with the West Allis Radio Amateur Club Swapfest in Waukesha, on the first Saturday in April in conjunction with the AES Swapfest, and on the first Saturday in May at the Ozaukee Radio Club's Swapfest. These last three sessions start earlier with set-up at 8:30.

You can reach me at email address jkraak@wi.rr.com or by phone (262) 786-2062. I enclosed your VE ID badge and lanyard. The ID badge should be worn at each session.

Thanks again for offering to help our VE team. You are probably the most qualified member of our club to serve as MRAC VEC's liaison to the NCVEC QRP committee.

73,

John

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May 8, 2005

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Tom,

During the past year WCARS has complained on several occasions when actions have been taken that ignored the provisions of our Bylaws, more specifically provisions of our Parliamentary Procedures covered by Robert's Rules of Order. And, we suggest that those actions have been taken without obtaining input from the VEC members. It is not a matter of dotting our "I's" and crossing our "T's", but that since we have adopted Rules we should either follow those Rules or amend them to fit our Conference needs.

One such case in point involves the minutes of our Annual Meeting and we should like to have that matter settled prior to the 2005 Conference. We have sent a copy of our concerns to Conference members. We ask that a specially called meeting be held so that we can make good use of the time available prior to our scheduled July 22 Conference.

We ask that the Secretary file a copy of this request and copies of pertinent discussions that are offered on this matter with the minutes of our July 22, 2005 Conference.

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WCARS/VEC

Attachments: 1

WCARS REQUESTS THAT NCVEC FOLLOW OUR ADOPTED RULES OF ORDER OR CHANGE THEM TO FIT OUR NEEDS

Our current adopted Rules of Order do not grant anyone the authority to prepare a second set of Conference minutes labeled, "For Publication." Our Rules also do not grant anyone authority to distribute our minutes to the public:

- **We were told that our minutes have been released to the public in the past (even before being approved by NCVEC), and that there is nothing in our Rules that addresses the matter. The facts are that our minutes are addressed on thirty-six pages of Robert's Rules of Order.**
- **In all the years of NCVECs existence we have never before seen two sets of minutes nor have we been given the opportunity to approve but one set of minutes. As to our Rules, they are covered in the 704 pages of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR).**
- **We do not know how many VECs, if any, were consulted when those two decisions were made, WCARS was not and we objected when we were told it was being done.**

The Conference minutes are the property of the VEC members. The cost of our Annual Conference along with 1x1 database expense, QPC expense, etc. amounts to about $ 15,000 each year. Those monies are provided by the generous contribution of a few VECs:

- **VECs and their representatives are at liberty to make public statements in their own name because then, only they are responsible for their remarks. NCVEC does not have one dime of insurance to protect us from any negative fallout from those individual's statements.**
- **To give just one example, of which there are several, whose business is it other than the VECs to know about the voting activities of our personnel changes?**
- **Maybe LARC VEC does not mind the public being told, as they already have, that their QPC slate of candidates got only 1 vote and another slate got 8 votes. We can tell you that WCARS does mind and other VECs may also. It is bad enough to nominate and elect committee members in a manner that violates our Rules, but it is even worse to publicize that fact.**
- **All VECs should be given an opportunity to vote on these matters, and to do otherwise in the absence of approved Rules of Order is in violation of our adopted Parliamentary Rules.**

Our interpretation of Robert's Rules is that in the absence of adopted Special Rules of Order, only <u>one set</u> of minutes should be prepared and they <u>should not</u> be released to the public. One could reasonably assume then that proper handling of our minutes would be as follows:

- **The Secretary prepares <u>one set</u> of minutes as soon as possible following the Conference.**
- **The minutes are labeled <u>"draft"</u> and forwarded to all attending VECs and guest speakers.**
- **The VECs make a positive response as to changes, if any, they wish made.**
- **The Secretary gives each guest speaker the same opportunity to make changes.**
- **The Secretary then distributes edited minutes to VECs and their representatives.**
- **The Chairman calls for approval of Conference minutes.**
- **Approved minutes are distributed <u>only</u> to guest speakers, VECs and their representatives.**

On the other hand, if we prefer to ignore our adopted Rules of Order we should vote to remove Robert's Rules of Order from our Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. In that way, we could continue to conduct our business in "whatever manner feels good at the particular time."

5/23/2005

PROPOSAL by REPEATER COMMITTEE

Purchase a modern repeater controller allowing more flexibility and control. Automation of weekly and monthly activities is desired. Discussions with a number of repeater operators in the Milwaukee area are well summarized by an email response from Dave Karr, KA9FUR.

TO: Dave Karr [dave@vyex.com]

The MRAC repeater committee (or at least part of it) got to discussing our wants/needs for a new repeater controller. As the guru of all things repeater, I wanted to ask (or ask again) for some input on repeater controllers. Our wish list (over our present repeater controller) is:

DVR For proper announcements like code practice, Field Day, meetings, whatever.
Y2K Our controller has a patch that goes away on power cycle. (This should be a part of any current equipment.)
Scheduling
- Changing announcements for nets, code practice, whatever based on day/week/month/date.
- Also parameter changes (macros) along same lines (longer timers for code practice, nets, etc)

Config - Ability to have a configuration file instead of a paper notebook.
Program - Ability to download current cfg to see what's inside if not sure. Ability to program on a PC and then upload new cfg without manual touchtone intervention.
Op. Modes - Ability to have different tones for net operation, etc.

If there are other features we should consider, like for future activities at our site (if any), those would be of interest. I understand the 7K controller would have met these needs and the future sCom controller is not yet announced. Your comments, opinions, suggestions, insight, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

DAVE's RESPONSE:
First off, the "future" s-com controller will not be as powerful as the 7K + my Digital audio board combination is... and like any new product, I'd recommend waiting a year before wrapping your arms around it... and it won't support a phone line when it is released, but perhaps at a later time.

Of the current vendors, here's what NOT to buy and why:

Arcom - some fundamental audio design problems not understood by its designer... and far too frequent code releases / bug fixes. Some people like them, and I guess I've heard from the more vocal ones who don't... mostly due to the software issues.

Pacific Research (aka PacRes) - The owner is a jack[redacted] and deals with problems by not addressing them... long story behind this one, bottom line, stay away.

CAT - Buggy, buggy, buggy... oh and the audio design lacks a "design" aspect.

NHRC - low end units, not as much flexibility as you are looking for. I have some issues with their audio design(s) but they are not as bad as many of the others out there.

MCC - another low end unit. Many users have complained about a general lack of support, and I've seen some comments about bugs nasty enough to lock the transmitter on the air... Watchdog? whats that?

ICS - very low end/low cost. Ok design, but not what you are looking for.

Link-Comm - is probably the only current product manufacturer that could come close to the list of requirements. Personally I don't care for them because the way they approached the programming is pretty obtuse. Some people swear by them, I swear near them. Very pricey.

Right now, the PC programmability, to the extent you wish for, is what everyone lacks. CAT and PacRes both come the closest in terms of having a GUI type environment that the masses can utilize to do what you are looking for, but overall both controllers are buggy. Link-Comm does have Windows programming software

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Klear Pat,

I have decided to step-down from the B.O.D.

Indecisiveness on the Board and Clubsport have brought me to this decision.

I am in the process of starting up a new business and quite frankly do not have the time for protracted projects.

Cordially

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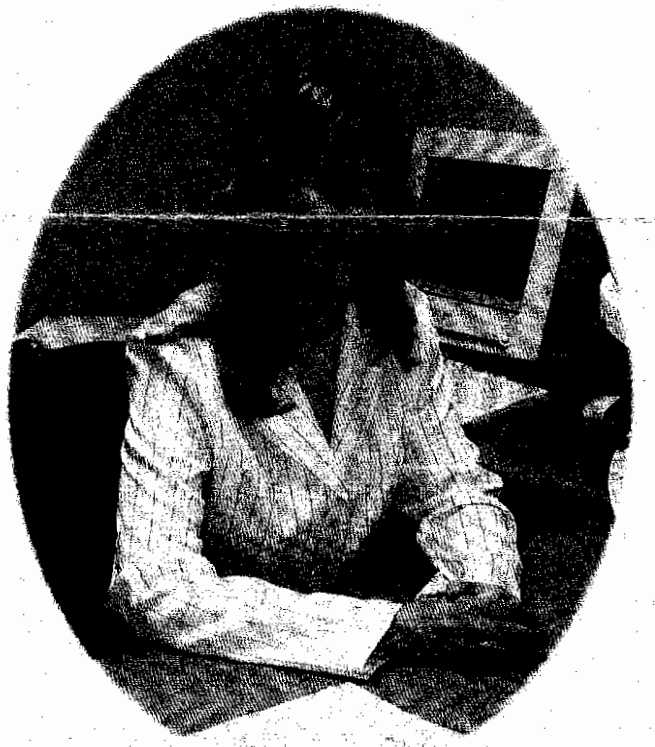
This organization has meant so much to me personally, and the training that I received there has made my life much richer. Because of the skills I learned, I am more optimistic about my own future. Thank you for seeing an organization worth supporting in my story, and in Jeff's.

Your gift will allow hundreds more like Jeff and me to take advantage of the Badger Association's programs in the coming year. Thank you again for your generous support of the Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Sincerely, Mary LaPointe



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As you may observe, I have moved my QTH from West Bend tu Quincy Ill,,living with daughter,Judith Abbott-(my wife passed away in September after a long fight-miss her very much and am recovering slowly!.

My shack and rig are not set up as yet, although the "pieces" have been restored and are waiting. My antenna is the limiting factor requiring some neat engineering! (The house is quite tall and the roof is steep-here we go)!

I am enclosing my membership renewal-page (2005) and hope I can get everything in order by the summer.

73 to you guys
Jim A. Linn
W9NZF

PS, I am now 90 years old!
I am not driving any more
and have given my car to my son.

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